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MISSOULA--

Two students from the University of Montana in Missoula were among those on hand Thursday, Sept. 11, in Helena for ceremonies in conjunction with Gov. Thomas L. Judge's proclamation of Sept. 15-21 as "ROTC Week" in Montana.

The UM students at the ceremonies were Susan Rhein, Stevensville, and David A. Davis, Butte. Both are Army ROTC cadets on the Missoula campus. Miss Rhein, a senior in home economics at UM, is a May 1971 graduate of Stevensville High School, and Davis, a senior in sociology at UM, is a June 1971 graduate of Butte High School.

Emphasizing his attitude toward the ROTC, Gov. Judge said, "I fully support the ROTC. It is a tremendous program." In his proclamation, the state's chief executive said, "(ROTC) programs assist in preparing young men and women of this great nation to take their places as tomorrow's leaders in civilian as well as military pursuits."

In comments about "ROTC Week," Col. Julien H. LePage, chairman of military science at UM, who was on hand in the Capital City for Thursday's ceremonies, said, "ROTC Week honors those Montanans who served their country in positions of leadership in our armed forces, and recognizes the contributions made by the Montana University System in educating today's young men and women for positions of leadership for both active and reserve forces."

Since the Army ROTC program was established at UM in 1918, a total of 1,231 men have been commissioned into the U.S. Army on the Missoula campus. Among those commissioned at UM are a number of retired Army officers, including Lieut. Gen. John H. Hay, former commandant of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; Lieut. Gen. George I. Forsythe, chief formulator of the nation's all-volunteer Army program, and Brig. Gen. Bruce A. Babbitt, former deputy judge advocate general for the U.S. Army.

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Hay received his bachelor of science degree in forestry at UM in 1940 and Forsythe was awarded his bachelor of arts degree in business administration on the Missoula campus in 1939. Babbitt received two degrees at UM, a bachelor of arts in business administration in 1941 and bachelor of laws in 1947.

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